

## UNITED STATES GEOGRAPHIC BOARD

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Adopted  
name*Coachella*

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named

valley, part of the desert lying immediately  
northwest of the Salton Sea, Riverside county,  
California.

Jan. 6 - 1909

Names

Authorities

Coachella

(town) Rand and McNally

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" U. S. Postal Guide

Coachella Valley

Senate Document 246, Sixtieth Congress, First Session,  
page 6.

Conchilla

San Jacinto Special Sheet, U. S. Geological Survey

Local usage

Coachella

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Submitted by W. G. Mendenhall

Date Dec. 17, 1908.

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Recommendation of Executive Committee

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"This northwestern end of the desert seems to have been called the Conchilla Valley, or Conchilla Desert on maps made before the settlement of the region. This name had evidently been applied because the valley floor is strewn with myriads of fine shells deposited there at the time when the valley was occupied by a lake antecedent to the present Salton Sea. Settlement of the valley began four or five years ago. One of the stations of the Southern Pacific Railway was called Coachella. \* \* \* \* the term Coachella, applied first to the station, and afterward to the entire valley about it, has become fixed in local usage, and can not now be displaced. It appears universally in current news literature, and should be recognized upon our maps. "

W. C. Mendenhall.